



The CCPS All-Points Bulletin

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A Message from the Secretary

2006 will mark the sixth year that it has been my privilege to lead this Department. One of Gov. Easley's top budget priorities for 2006 is: "Increasing the safety of our communities by identifying and reducing our vulnerabilities, improving our preparedness efforts and training those responding on the front lines." This encompasses a significant part of our responsibility, cements our department's important role in the state, and will hopefully result in some successes in this year's legislative session.

As we enter a new year, I have no doubt we will continue to be faced with many challenges. Some of them will be familiar, such as taking on additional duties with existing resources. Some of them will be new, such as ALE's enforcement of the state lottery laws. We will continue to do everything we can to be ready to respond to a terrorist incident, and try to prevent one from happening if possible. It's likely we'll have at least one bad winter storm before spring arrives, and we are almost certain to be threatened by one or more hurricanes this summer and fall. No matter what Mother Nature or mankind throws at us, I'm certain the employees of Crime Control & Public Safety will be ready. You are the best, and I look forward to working with you in the New Year. Thank you.

Bryan E. Beatty

From the Benefits and Safety Office

The State Health Plan would like to call your attention to several key updates for members, recently posted on the website at www.statehealthplan.state.nc.us. The links provide new information about:

1. The Plan's new Medical Director.
2. The 2006 Preferred Drug List.
3. The Preferred Provider Organization plan to address members' requests for greater affordability and choice in obtaining coverage.

Comings and Goings

Welcome to our new employees: **Stacey Edwards, Rodney Parker, Kim Pinckney, Blair Rockwell, and Kelli Wright**, ALE; **Connie Harrison, BPS; Patricia Curtis, Carolyn Penny, and Felicia Pyle**, EM; **Derek Adams, John Merwin, and Thomas Lazaroski**, NG; **Linda Copeland, Linda Doll, Aaron Fecher and William Paradis, Bruce Perry, Darlene Person, Maxine Smart, Cheryl Walker**, SHP.

Good luck and best wishes to our recent retirees: **James Self**, EM; **Norman Lytle Jr.**, NG; F/Sgt. **B.T. Burr**, Trp. **B.J. Walters**, TCS **Dana Hicks**, OAIvs **Rebecca Floyd** and **Joan Swearengin**, SHP.

From the Human Resources Office

Its tax preparation time and some state employees may be eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The Office of State Personnel has included a pamphlet with your payroll stub and has information on it's website about the program. EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. When the EITC exceeds the amount of taxes owed, the result is a tax refund to those who claim and qualify for the credit. For more information, go to <http://www.osp.state.nc.us/divinfo/eitc.htm>.

Congratulations!

Three troopers were recently honored for their actions taken during the shooting that wounded Trooper **J.C. Horniak** in Cumberland County last November. Trooper **Horniak** received the Department's Distinguished Service Award, the Secretary's Gold Circle Award, and the State Highway Patrol Purple Heart Award. Trooper **J.A. Woolard** and Trooper **J.E. Gurganus** both received the Department's Commendation Award, the Secretary's Gold Circle Award, and the State Highway Patrol Samaritan Award for rendering aid to Horniak after the shooting.

Congratulation to these recent graduating classes:

22nd Alcohol Law Enforcement Basic School – December 12, 2005

5th Motor Carrier Enforcement Transition School – December 16, 2005

These employees were recently promoted to new positions of responsibility: from First Sergeant to Lieutenant: **J.L. Deaton**; from Sergeant to First Sergeant: **N.W. Denman, R.T. Futrell, and E.R. Jackson**; from Trooper to Sergeant: **M.D. Guess, R.P. Hooks, C.L. Jones, N.D. Satterfield, E.M. Watkins, and K.H. Williams**; **Kelly Wright** to Mechanic Supervisor I; **Janice Conrad** and **Jason Steward** to Telecommunicator Shift Supervisors.

ALE Agent **Blair Rockwell** recently set a new state law enforcement physical fitness record by doing 127 pushups in 60 seconds. Agent Rockwell joins ALE Agent **Stacey Cox**, who holds the female state law enforcement pushup record with 74 pushups in 60 seconds. Agent Rockwell is now training for an attempt to best the World Record for doing the most pushups in 60 seconds.

The following employees reached significant service milestones recently in their state government careers: 20 years – **William Blanks, Timothy Bolduc, Billy Bryant, Gail Cagle, Tim Cardwell, Anthony Carlton, Richard Carlyle, Gregory Christopher, Jeffrey Cloud, Ernest Coleman, James Deaton, Laura Delaney, Jack Dixon Jr., Rodney Eudy, Gary Fox, Michael Gilchrist, Jimmy Graham, Alex Greyard, Jack Hardison Jr., James Henderson, James Lewis, Leah McCall, Patty McQuillan, Jack Miller, Ricky Mosley, Jerry Music, George Nance, Randy Patterson, Billy Penley**; 25 years – **Randy King, Kelly Williams**; 30 years – **Nancy Taylor, Doris Watkins**; 35 years – **Byron Pittman**.

Governor's Crime Commission "Steps Up" to Good Health

Employees from the Governor's Crime Commission teamed up and took a step toward healthier lifestyles last fall. Throughout the month of October, 22 GCC employees divided up into four teams and challenged themselves to keep track of how many steps they took. The idea came from Melvin Williams, Victims Grants Manager for the GCC. Williams organized a "Good Health Pedometer Challenge" designed to motivate employees to work together towards a common goal of good health – and have fun doing it.

Each stepper purchased a pedometer and recorded their number of steps daily over a four-week period. The challenge sparked the competitive side of many employees, who found themselves motivated to get up and move. They set up daily step/activity goals, took the stairs instead of elevators, walked to co-workers offices instead of using a phone or e-mail, walked at lunch with a teammate, walked in community charity events, used printers down the hall instead of close by, and parked in safe areas that required more walking. Team leaders reported out weekly results and recognition was given for the highest overall total each week. At the conclusion of the challenge, recognition was given to the overall winning team members, the most consistent stepper, and the overall grand-stepper.

So, how did the GCC steppers do? Overall weekly total steps were as follows: 1st = 723,491; 2nd = 1,089,524; 3rd = 1,390,826; and 4th = 1,034,238. GCC staffers stepped a combined total of **4,238,079** steps! Health challenges such as this help to put things into perspective and are a sensational way to show that stepping towards a healthier lifestyle does not have to be difficult and can be fun! GCC stepped up – YOU CAN TOO!